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Vierendehl Rinne (Vierendehl Fairway), Farhoeft Rinne and Gellenstrom Rinne, navigable seaward channels northwest of Stralsund, which were scheduled to be 5 meters deep, actually were silted up and, in places, were only 3.6 meters deep in early May 1953, because the large dredges, required for large dredging operations near Glowe on Ruegen Island, were unavailable for the Stralsund area. With the black fairway buoys west of the Lock so far east in the channel that they were beyond the Gellenstrom leading line, heavy-draft vessels had to approach Stralsund from the east. This, however, was impossible because Ruegendamm Bridge was under repair and was not expected to be reconditioned until late May 1953.

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Comment. VLF Seetaggerei planned to dredge with dredges SEEGAT and NOGAT 320,000 cubic meters in and northwest of Stralsund Harbor. This is the first report to indicate that the two dredges are employed for the Ruegenhafen project.

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